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Applicant(s): **Morihiro IWATA et al.**

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For: **PARALLEL DATABASE SYSTEM RETRIEVAL METHOD OF A
RELATIONAL DATABASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM USING
INITIAL DATA RETRIEVAL QUERY AND SUBSEQUENT SUB-
DATA UTILIZATION QUERY PROCESSING FOR MINIMIZING
QUERY TIME (AS AMENDED)**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 3, 2001, the following amendments and remarks are submitted in the above-identified application. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **cancel** claims 43-53 without prejudice or disclaimer.